

GENERAL REGULATIONS

Hunting regulations are designed to protect visitors as well as wildlife populations. The regulations below govern hunting on Indian Bayou, under the authority vested by Code of Federal Regulations Title 36 part 327. Link is as follows:

http://www.mvn.usace.army.mil/recreation/Recreation_Rules_Title36.asp

Hunting will be in accordance with applicable state regulations.

Permits

A 2007-2008 Indian Bayou Hunting Permit is required for all persons regardless of age. Permits must be signed prior to hunting any game and must be carried at all times while in the field. Your hunting permit acknowledges your understanding of area regulations. The cut-out at the end of these regulations is your annual permit. Additional permits are available at the Project Office or on-line at http://www.mvn.usace.army.mil/recreation/Recreation_Sites_Atchafalaya.asp . All persons 16 years or older are required to have a photo identification while in the field.

Firearms

The possession of firearms, ammunition, loaded projectile firing devices, bows and arrows, crossbows, or other weapons are prohibited except during designated area hunts. Hunters must have firearms unloaded at all times while traveling within the area by motor vehicle, ATV, horse, bicycle and while in a vessel under mechanical power. Loaded weapons are not allowed within 100 feet of ATV trails, foot trails, roads and pipelines; or within 100 yards of designated parking areas. Loaded is defined as shells or cartridges in the gun's chamber and magazine, or caps on muzzleloaders.

Motorized vehicles and All Terrain Vehicles

All motorized vehicles, including automobiles, ATVs and motorcycles are restricted to roads and trails that are designated on the area map. ATVs must be brought in to the area by vehicle or trailer, off loaded in parking areas and may only be operated on designated trails. Vehicles must park in designated parking areas. Blocking gates or roads with a vehicle or ATV is prohibited. Tractor implement tires with farm tread designs R1, R2 and R4, known as spade or lug grip types are prohibited on all vehicles and ATVs. ATV tires are restricted to those with a maximum one inch lug height. ATVs are not allowed off designated trails, NO EXCEPTIONS! Designated trails are open from 4:00 a.m. until two hours after sunset. Visitors using designated trails later than two hours after sunset are required to contact the project office to obtain a Special Use Permit

SPECIFIC HUNTING REGULATIONS

State bag limits apply unless otherwise specified. The only open seasons are those listed in this brochure. Hunting is permitted area-wide except in designated closed areas as indicated on the area map. All hunting shall be still-hunting, except as otherwise specified.

Migratory bird and small game hunting is prohibited during either-sex gun hunts for deer.

Archery season is either-sex except during bucks-only seasons.

Deer hunters are limited to one deer per day. A legal buck shall be defined as deer with at least 4-points on one side or a deer with unbranched antlers commonly referred to as spikes (no minimum length). To be counted as a point, a projection must be at least one inch long and its length must exceed the length of its base. The beam tip is counted as a point but is not measured as a point.

Proper use of state tags is required. All deer harvested during gun hunts are required to be physically checked out. The East side Ranger Station located in St. Landry Parish (see map for location) will be staffed during each of these dates. A Park Ranger patrolling the West Atchafalaya Protection Levee may also check a deer during the either-sex gun hunts. Every checked deer will be given a metal validation tag and reported to La. Dept. of Wildlife and Fisheries for your convenience. Successful archery and muzzleloader hunters are required to fill out a deer harvest card prior to leaving the property. Harvest cards are located on area information bulletin boards.

All hunters (including archers and small game hunters) EXCEPT waterfowl hunters must display a total of 400 square inches of "Hunter Orange" and wear a "Hunter Orange" cap during open gun and muzzleloader hunts for deer. Hunters participating in the dog season for rabbit and woodcock must wear a minimum of a "Hunter Orange" cap. Hunter orange must be worn the entire time while in the field. All persons afield during hunting season are encouraged to wear "Hunter Orange." Deer hunters hunting from concealed ground blinds are still required to wear 400 square inches of "Hunter Orange", wear a "Hunter Orange" cap and must also display a minimum of 400 square inches of "Hunter Orange" above or around their blinds which is visible from 360 degrees.

Horses are permitted throughout the property EXCEPT during open gun and muzzleloader hunts for deer and turkey.

Beaver, feral hogs, nutria and coyote may be taken incidental to any area hunt with weapons legal for that hunt.

Waterfowl hunting after 2 p.m. is prohibited.

Only portable stands and blinds may be used. Deer stands and blinds must be removed from the property at the end of each day.

YOUTH AND PHYSICALLY CHALLENGED HUNTERS

Youths participating in youth hunts must possess a hunter safety certification or proof of successful completion of a hunter safety course. Each youth must be accompanied by one adult 18 years of age or older. If the accompanying adult is in possession of a hunter safety certification, a valid hunting license or proof of successful completion of a hunter safety course, this requirement is waived for the youth. Adults may not possess a firearm. Youths may possess only one firearm while hunting. The supervising adult shall maintain visual and voice contact with the youth at all times. An adult may supervise only one youth during this special hunt.

Physically challenged hunters must possess a Physically Challenged Hunting Permit issued by the Louisiana Department of Wildlife and Fisheries.

The use of ATVs on the trails designated as Physically Challenged is restricted to physically challenged permit holders and persons 60 years or older with proof of age. Those users may utilize Physically Challenged ATV trails and other ATV trails as indicated on the map. Physically Challenged ATV users may not deviate from the designated ATV trails on the area map.

In addition to the special seasons and trails available to our hunters with disabilities, a 350-acre hunting area is reserved exclusively for wheelchair bound deer hunters. For safety reasons, this area is closed for all other activities and access from 01 September through 28 February. Pre-registration is required. For more information or to register to use a hunting blind, please contact the Project Office.

THE FOLLOWING ACTIVITIES ARE PROHIBITED ON INDIAN BAYOU

- The use or possession of alcoholic beverages while on ATVs and/or possession of firearms.
- Camping/overnight parking
- Overnight mooring of houseboats
- Use of airboats
- Target practice and skeet shooting
- Spot-lighting
- Climbing trees to hunt by driving nails, spikes or other metal objects
- Using a tree that has existing nails, spikes or metal objects
- Use of tree climbing spikes
- Use or possession of any type of trail markers (paint, flagging, bright eyes, etc.)
- Moving deer or hogs with organized drivers, standers and/or noise-making devices
- Unattended decoys in the field or on the water
- Construction or hunting from a permanent stand or blind
- Leaving tree stands and/or hunting blinds on the property overnight
- Baiting or hunting over bait
- Feeding wildlife including alligators

2007-2008 Indian Bayou Season Dates

| Type | Season Dates | Specific regulations |
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| Deer- Archery Bucks Only | Oct. 1-15 | Buck must have at least 4 point on one side or have unbranched antlers (commonly called spikes). Self clearing harvest card required. |
| Deer Archery Either-sex | Oct. 16-Feb. 15 | Closed Oct. 27-28, Nov. 23-25, Dec. 7-9 and Jan. 19-20. Either-sex, except during bucks only seasons. Bucks must have at least 4 points on one side or have unbranched antlers (commonly called spikes). Self clearing harvest card required. |
| Deer-Gun Youth & Physically Challenged-Either-sex | Oct. 27-28 | All other seasons closed. See Guide to Hunting for age and certification requirements. No antler restrictions. Mandatory Deer Check at Ranger Station. |
| Deer-Gun Either-sex | Nov. 23-25 | All other season closed. Either-sex, bucks must have at least 4 points on one side or have unbranched antlers (commonly called spikes). Mandatory Deer Check. |
| Deer-Gun Either-sex | Dec. 7-9 | All other season closed. Either-sex, bucks must have at least 4 points on one side or have unbranched antlers. Mandatory Deer Check. |
| Deer-Muzzleloader Either-sex | Dec. 15-23 | Either-sex, bucks must have at least 4 points on one side or have unbranched antlers (commonly called spikes) . Self clearing harvest card required. |
| Deer-Gun Buck only | Jan. 5-18 | Bucks must have at least 4 points on one side or have unbranched antlers (commonly called spikes). Mandatory Deer Check at Ranger Station. |
| Deer- Gun Youth & Physically Challenged-Either-sex | Jan. 19-20 | All other seasons closed. See Guide to Hunting for age and certification requirements. No antler restrictions. Mandatory Deer Check at Ranger Station. |
| Small Game | Same as outside | Closed Oct. 27-28, Nov. 23-25, Dec. 7-9, and Jan. 19-20. |
| Migratory Game Birds & Waterfowl | Same as outside (East Zone) | Closed Oct. 27-28, Nov. 23-25, Dec. 7-9, and Jan. 19-20. Hunting waterfowl after 2 pm prohibited. |
| Squirrel and Rabbit Hunting with /or without dogs | Jan. 21- Feb. 29 | “Hunters Orange” hat required. |

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| Raccoon (Nighttime) | Sept. 8-23 and Jan. 21-29 | Special Use permit required to use trail 2 hours after sunset and later. Contact Project Office. |
| Beaver, Nutria, Coyote & Feral Hogs | | May be taken by properly licensed hunters using legal weapons during any area hunt. |
| Turkey | | |
| -Physically Challenged Lottery | Mar. 15-16 | Harvest Check required for all turkey hunts. |
| -Public Lottery | Mar. 21-23, 24-26 | |
| -Open to public | Mar. 27-30 | |
| Quail | CLOSED | |

Hunting Permit

Please sign and cut out, carry this card while hunting.

2007-2008 Indian Bayou Hunting Permit

I have read, and understand the regulations governing the U.S. Army Corps of Engineers, Indian Bayou Area. I hereby forever release and hold harmless the United States of America from all liability due to death, injury, or damages arising from the exercise of this hunting permit and will indemnify and save harmless the United States of America from any and all costs, damages, settlements, or judgments arising from death, injury or damage to persons or property arising from the exercise of this hunting permit.

Signature (Permits are not transferable) - *Valid only when signed.*